

# Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

## TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO SITUATION REPORT # 12 1500 Hours 5 September 2006

*New Information in Italics and bold*

### SUMMARY

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Hurricane Readiness Level 5, Response Operations condition. Efforts now focus on damage assessments and meeting immediate assistance needs.

### EXECUTIVE ACTION

**EOC Activation:** The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is monitoring National Weather Service and River Forecast Center forecasts, coordinating conference calls, and producing Situation Reports.

**VDEM Priorities:** Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of citizens and emergency workers; coordinate an efficient and effective state response effort; manage an aggressive response to request for assistance; keep stakeholders and the public informed and prepare for and coordinate Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA).

### STATE OF EMERGENCY

Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia on August 31, 2006, in preparation for Tropical Storm Ernesto.

**Protective Actions:** **Local Activation of EOC:**

York County – ***Closed 4 September @ 1100***  
Northumberland County – 1 September @ 1030  
Gloucester County – 1 September @ 0800  
Richmond City – Reactivated 4 September @ 1100

**Local State of Emergency Declared**

York County – 1 September @ 0900  
City of Poquoson – 1 September @ 0900  
City of Richmond – 1 September @ 1130  
City of Newport News – 1 September @ 1200  
Northumberland County – 1 September @ 1230  
Lancaster County – 1 September @ 1200  
Accomack County – 1 September @ 1200  
Northampton County – 1 September @ 1400  
Richmond County – 1 September @ 1830  
Middlesex County – 1 September @ 1600  
Gloucester County – 1 September @ 1200  
Mathews County – 1 September @ 1215

**Adjacent Jurisdictions:**

North Carolina declared a State of Emergency  
West Virginia declared State of Emergency.

**ESF 15 – External Affairs:** *Developing a local public advisory to assist with citizen inquiries regarding reporting damage and the potential request for Federal disaster assistance.*

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## WEATHER FORECAST

**Hazardous Weather Outlook 5 September:** *Flood Watch for Southwest, Central and Southeast Virginia today. Flood Warning for Blackwater River above the City of Franklin through Wednesday night, 6 September.*

**Tonight:** *Rain and thunderstorms likely. Some of the storms could produce heavy rainfall. Cloudy with a low around 62. North wind around 6 mph. Chance of precipitation 70%.*

**Wednesday 6 September:** *A chance of showers in the morning. Mostly cloudy with a high near 77. North wind between 3 and 6 mph. Chance of precipitation 40%.*

## OPERATIONS SECTION

**ESF 5 – Emergency Management:** *Daily conference calls with VDEM Regions 1 and 5 were conducted daily through Tuesday, 5 September. No future conference calls are scheduled at this time.* VDEM Public Assistance and Individual Assistance program staff met with City of Richmond Emergency Management on 4 September.

**STATE WARNING POINT:** Monitoring National Weather Service advisories and River Forecast Center forecast.

**LOCAL LIAISON:** *Contacting localities to follow-up with IDA reports.*

| <u>Request*</u>   | <u>Locality</u>  | <u>Status</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Long-term housing | Newport News     | In Progress   |
| Water Pumps       | City of Richmond | In Progress   |

**\*Completed requests for assistance from localities are listed in prior Situation Reports.**

## EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

**ESF 8 – Public Health & Medical Services:** *Boil Water Advisories have been issued as a precaution due to lower water pressure or water outages in affected communities over the past 2 days. These systems are isolated in Lancaster, Northumberland, Essex, Gloucester, King William, Henrico, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Richmond, and Westmoreland Counties. Effective today through 9 September, VDH will be closing most of the Chesapeake Bay (from Smith Point down to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel) to shell fishing due to heavy local rainfall and runoff.*

## INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

**ESF 1 – Transportation:** As of **1200 hours 5 September**, VDOT reports **35** secondary roads are closed or under repair due to flooding or washout.

**ESF 12 – Energy:** As of **1445 hours 5 September**, Virginia Dominion Power reports **3,150** customers currently without power. Significant outages remain in the Gloucester/Northern Neck area where **1,889** customers are without power. **Restoration is expected by the end of today.**

## LOGISTICS SECTION

**ESF 7 – Resource Support:** Standing by to coordinate federal identification and establishment of Mobilization Center and Staging Areas for commodities. FEMA has pre-positioned 120 trailers in VA. VDEM is mapping potential points of distribution and awaiting additional input from localities.

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## RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)

### Initial Damage

### Assessment Report:

| <u>Locality</u>           | <u>Private</u>        | <u>Public*</u>       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Accomack County           | <b>\$3,085,000</b>    | <b>\$700,000*</b>    |
| Alexandria                | \$20,000              | \$20,000             |
| Amelia County             | N/A                   | \$10,000*            |
| Arlington County          | N/A                   | \$2,000*             |
| Brunswick County          | N/A                   | \$2,000*             |
| Caroline County           | \$9,000               | \$76,200*            |
| Charles City County       | N/A                   | \$50,000*            |
| Chesterfield County       | \$100,000             | \$22,000*            |
| Chincoteague, Town of     | \$254,000             | \$111,500            |
| Colonial Heights, City of | \$12,000              | \$0                  |
| Dinwiddie County          | \$75,000              | <b>\$110,000*</b>    |
| Essex County              | N/A                   | \$75,000*            |
| Fairfax County            | N/A                   | \$70,000*            |
| Franklin County           | N/A                   | \$75,000*            |
| Goochland County          | N/A                   | \$2,000*             |
| Gloucester County         | <b>\$644,150</b>      | <b>\$482,656</b>     |
| Greensville County        | N/A                   | \$25,000*            |
| Hampton City              | \$176,000             | \$0                  |
| Hanover County            | N/A                   | \$2,000*             |
| Henrico County            | N/A                   | \$10,000*            |
| Henry County              | \$30,000              | \$0                  |
| Isle of Wight County      | <b>\$150,000</b>      | <b>\$300,000*</b>    |
| James City County         | \$150,000             | \$450,000*           |
| King George County        | \$1,000,000           | \$320,000            |
| King William County       | N/A                   | \$75,000*            |
| Lancaster County          | N/A                   | \$200,000*           |
| Loudoun County            | N/A                   | \$35,000*            |
| Lunenburg County          | N/A                   | \$10,000*            |
| Mathews County            | \$1,200,000           | \$37,000             |
| Mecklenburg County        | N/A                   | \$2,000*             |
| Middlesex County          | \$1,750,002           | \$300,000*           |
| New Kent County           | <b>\$552,000</b>      | \$55,700*            |
| Newport News, City of     | \$4,072,000           | N/A                  |
| Northampton County        | N/A                   | \$75,000*            |
| Northumberland County     | <b>\$17,805,000</b>   | \$580,000*           |
| Nottoway County           | N/A                   | \$5,000*             |
| Poquoson, City of         | \$925,000             | <b>\$85,100</b>      |
| Powhatan County           | \$100,000             | \$8,000*             |
| Prince George County      | N/A                   | \$15,000*            |
| Prince William County     | N/A                   | \$40,000*            |
| Richmond City             | <b>\$9,000,000</b>    | <b>\$39,280,321</b>  |
| Richmond County           | N/A                   | \$100,000*           |
| Southampton County        | N/A                   | \$75,000*            |
| Surry County              | N/A                   | \$100,000*           |
| Sussex County             | N/A                   | \$50,000*            |
| Virginia Beach, City of   | <b>\$225,000</b>      | <b>\$75,000</b>      |
| Westmoreland County       | N/A                   | \$175,000*           |
| York County               | \$517,000             | \$1,060,000*         |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$41,851,152**</b> | <b>\$45,353,477*</b> |

\*includes VDOT estimates

\*\* includes residential, business, and agriculture estimates

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**Damage Assessment Team:** *Four VDEM teams assisted with and verified IDA reports from localities in Regions 2 and 5 on Monday, 4 September and will continue to do so in Region 5 as requested by the Region 5 Coordinator.*

## **FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION**

**Finance:** Damage Assessment teams on standby for IA and PA.

## **PLANNING SECTION**

**Planning:** Monitor and review incoming situational status and damage assessments and distribute Situation Reports.

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